

Memorandum

**TO: Envision San Jose 2040
Task Force**

FROM: Michael Brilliot

**SUBJECT: APRIL 28, 2008
TASK FORCE MEETING**

DATE: April 18, 2008

This memo provides information to assist you in preparing for the April 28th Envision San Jose 2040 Task Force meeting. The primary topic for this meeting is Water.

Agenda Item 3 - Presentation and discussion of Water Sustainability

Planning staff has coordinated with staff from the Environmental Services Department, the Public Works Department and the Santa Clara Valley Water District to lead presentations and discussions on the topic of water. Water has historically been a significant issue in California and in San Jose. With the increasing demand for water in the state due to population growth, combined with the uncertainty of existing sources of water, water will become an even more significant issue in the future. To prepare the Task Force for the development of a sustainable Envision San Jose 2040 General Plan, the upcoming Task Force meeting will discuss existing conditions, current plans, programs and projected challenges related to water supply, water quality and flooding. Required background reading for this agenda item includes fact sheets on these three aspects of water. The fact sheets on water quality and supply were provided to the City Council and Santa Clara Water District Board at joint City Council and District Board study sessions last year. The fact sheets on water quality were recently provided to the City Council and District Board for a joint session on water supply to be held on April 24, 2008.

Agenda Item 4 - Discussion on possible sustainability indicators for the City of San Jose

This agenda item will include a review and brief discussion on what other communities have developed as sustainability indicators in their General Plans. As part of the Envision San Jose 2040 process, staff will work with the Task Force to develop sustainability indicators for Envision San Jose 2040; the current San Jose 2020 General Plan does not have indicators. These indicators will establish goals for what the City plans to achieve by a given date. These indicators will enable the City to periodically check in, to identify if the City is moving towards sustainability, and whether a course correction is needed. Given that this topic deserves a significant amount of time, we will be revisiting this issue in the near future. This agenda item is intended to introduce the idea of indicators and get Task Force members and the public thinking about potential indicators.

Agenda Item 9 – Public Comment

Included in your packet is a letter from the Save Coyote Valley Coalition that is addressed to the Task Force. This letter advocates for the preservation of Coyote Valley as an agricultural asset and as open space. Since it is not on the agenda, we will not be discussing Coyote Valley at the April's Task Force meeting.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (535-7831) or by email at michael.brilliot@sanjoseca.gov.

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